

THE UNSETTLED SOUTH.

The Louisiana Commission in Search of Louisiana.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A GOVERNMENT.

Wanted, a Resting Point for State Sovereignty.

PROPOSITIONS FOR A RECANVASS.

Chamberlain's Opposition to President Hayes' Policy.

LOUISIANA.

LADIES OF THE COMMISSION—PROPOSITION FOR A RECANVASS OF THE VOTE—A LEGAL FRIEND OF THE PRESIDENT WORKING TO CONSUMMATE A BARGAIN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

NEW ORLEANS, April 9, 1877.

The commission were engaged until five P. M. in executive session in interpreting Mr. Evans' letter of instruction. After that hour they were visited by a committee of bankers and merchants, with whom a protracted session was held. The latter united in expressing the opinion that the recognition of Nicholas was the only peaceful solution of the question.

THE WARMTH FLAME.

The commission demurred to this proposition, and, in turn, presented what is known as the Warmth plan, providing for a canvass of the vote for Governor. Among other ex-Governors Brown made a speech, in which he said that the commission was in perfect accord upon this point. His position in the matter was received with respect, and, after pronouncing the proposition as both unsatisfactory and impracticable the committee withdrew.

AUDIENCE TO COMMITTEES.

A committee of colored citizens were next admitted, who claimed that the recognition of Packard was necessary to the welfare of the race. Finally the committee appointed by the Packard Legislature were admitted to a short consultation. At ten o'clock to-morrow another committee of colored citizens will visit them, and at two P. M. they meet the Mayor and City Council.

OUTSIDE WORKS.

Outside the works of the commission a movement is being secretly organized by M. G. Hutchison, the attorney with whom the President advised the commission to consult before its personnel was fully established. Mr. Hutchison is an old and intimate friend of the President. He has been a resident of New Orleans for the past ten years, and took a prominent part in an effort made some years ago to have Mr. Hayes appointed to succeed Judge Durell on the Supreme Court Bench—an honor which Mr. Hayes declined, it is said, from his opposition to the carpet-bagging system. The precise nature of Mr. Hutchison's connection with the commission is not exactly clear. The latter denies any official connection whatever, while Mr. Hutchison claims to be a consulting member, a sort of fifth wheel to the diplomatic wagon. He says, moreover, that he is in constant telegraphic communication with the subject with the President, whose views he stated in an interview to-day, with confidence if not authority. As already telegraphed the HERALD seems to have had an initial secret meeting last Wednesday night with the prominent republican leaders, Wylie, Dibble, McMillan and others, who did not then receive his propositions very favorably, though, as he now claims, recognizing fully the necessity of a move in that direction. He has since prepared very quietly a list of leading democrats ostensibly to consult with the commission, but really to act in pursuance of his scheme of retelling in case it "sticks."

THE LAWYER'S REPLY.

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NO DETERMINED OPPOSITION ANTICIPATED FROM CHAMBERLAIN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

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It is not supposed in high official quarters that Governor Chamberlain will make a determined opposition to the present policy of the administration. He is expected to be in the South, and his departure for South Carolina, he showed a disposition to yield to the pressure against him; but, nevertheless, he will resort to such means as will with a show of law relieve him from his present position without appearing to readily submit.

STORM IN THE TROPICS.

TROPICAL BIRDS BLOWN OVER INTO GEORGIA—

HOUSES BLOWN DOWN—RUMORED LOSS OF LIFE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

ATLANTA, Ga., April 9, 1877.

Sunday morning a number of webfooted birds of large size and tropical appearance were picked up in the streets of Atlanta and with plumage full of sand. They were blown here by the tremendous gale that swept up from the ocean—the severest storm ever felt in this city.

GALE IN VIRGINIA.

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A FEARFUL DEATH.

THREE GEORGIAN PRISONERS BURNED TO DEATH

IN CONVENIENT JAIL—HELP AT HAND BUT UN-AVAILING.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

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A special from Conyers states that the jail at that place was burned to-day and three negro prisoners perished in the flames. The door to the jail was on the second floor, the first story being a solid dungeon which opened from the top by a trap door. Before the fire was discovered it had burned away the steps and cut off all communication with the prisoners. There was no engine in the town, and the fire had its own way. The heat was so intense that it was impossible to approach the building. At length an axe was forced through an aperture to the prisoners, and they commenced to cut through the heavy logs that made the dungeon walls. The flames, however, swept downward rapidly, and soon burned through the upper floor and sent a shower of embers and lurid blaze on the wretched men below. In this horrible illumination they could be plainly seen by the crowd outside. Crazed with pain and fear they capered about like mad men, dashing themselves against the walls and screaming in the most fearful manner. Their attempts to cut through the walls, while furious, had no intelligent direction. They hacked about wildly, frequently fighting like brutes for the possession of the axe. At length the whole upper floor gave way, and the three wretched men, clutching the axe, started their heads to the crowd outside and were lost in a blinding sea of flame.

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STREET OBSTRUCTIONS.

FOUR BRANCHES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT

SHOWING HOW NOT TO REMOVE THEM—RE-

SULTS OF THE "COMPLAINT BOOK."

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

NEW YORK, April 9, 1877.

We have received so many complaints about street obstructions that personal inquiry was directed to be made at the office of the Superintendent of Encumbrances, who exercises the duties of the office, said that in every instance in which his attention had been called to an obstruction by the HERALD's "Complaint Book" he had promptly removed it if he found it in his power to do so. The very same day at which the "Complaint Book" consisted of the two wagons standing in Day street, between Washington and West, the inspector had removed them. Not all obstructions, however, could be so easily removed. Take for instance, said he, the complaint about Thurber & Co., in West Broadway. Here was a firm doing a business of a million dollars a year. The law allowed them to back up their carts against the sidewalk for the purpose of unloading, and if the public traffic was necessarily inconvenienced it could not be helped. To keep the sidewalks thoroughly clear at all times, and to have the wagons removed, would be to drive the whole trade of New York to a city.

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